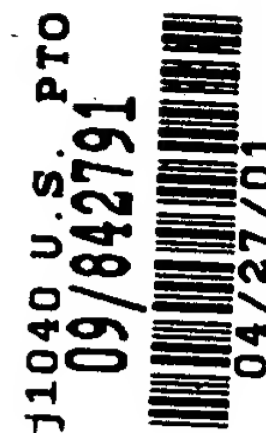


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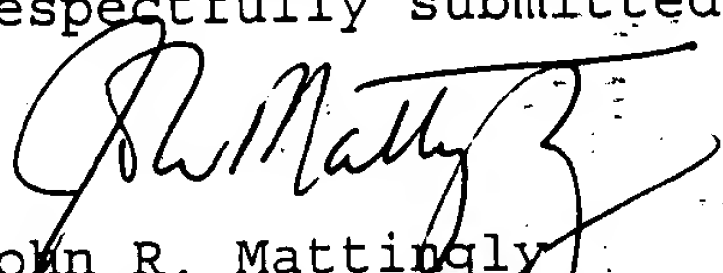
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, the Applicant informs the Examiner of the documents cited during prosecution of the parent application, Serial No. 09/413,814.

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